

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

No sport in recent years has received a more sudden revival than that of professional wrestling. Just at the time when the game appeared to have run its last course, and to be under an ineradicable staint, it came to life and is now attracting more attention than at any time in the past fifteen or twenty years.

The greater part of the credit for this resurrection was due to the wonderful stories sent out from London about Hackenschmidt, "The Russian Lion," who was described by the enthusiastic reporters as the most wonderful specimen of physical manhood and prowess alive. At once the question arose: "If this Russian is such a marvelous being, is there no American who can beat him?"

The attempts to answer that question in the positive resulted in the present activities on the mat. At that time Tom Jenkins was the acknowledged American heavy-weight champion, and he met Hackenschmidt at Madison Square Garden May 4, 1905. In this, his first American engagement, Hackenschmidt more than fulfilled expectations. Although some twenty or thirty pounds lighter than Jenkins, he handled the American with the utmost ease, and defeated him in such short order that there was none of the usual talk of a return match.

Subsequently, Frank Gotch, the American farmer from Humboldt, Iowa, who was born April 27, 1878, is five feet eleven and a half inches in height and weighs 210 pounds, defeated Jenkins and won the American championship. Gotch's victory was exceedingly popular, not only because of his own pleasant personality, his square dealing and his failure to demand extortionate prices for his services, but because the sporting element felt that a man of his marked ability, and in the height of his career, was just the wrestler to bring back the laurels carried away by Hackenschmidt.

These hopes were justified when Hackenschmidt returned to the United States, and after a short tour lost to Gotch at Chicago on April 4, 1906. There was no fall, but Hackenschmidt deliberately resigned after more than an hour of rough work while both men were on their feet. He claimed that the "farmer boy" had used unfair tactics, and had gouged his eyes with his fingers, but this excuse was not accepted. Gotch recently returned from London, where he went to arrange another match, but Hackenschmidt and his English advisers demanded such unusual conditions that the American returned in disgust.

Now the woods are full of wrestlers. Almost every big city has its own local favorites, besides importing men from other places. The strange exception is Philadelphia. The Quaker City has not taken kindly to the "grapplers," as wrestlers are frequently called, for many years. Philadelphians do not patronize the professionals, but give more or less support to the amateurs. The game just now is strongest in the Middle West. Nearly all the big matches in the past few months have been held at the Chicago Athletic Association. This club has become the Mecca for Yusuf Mahmoud, the Bulgarian; Raoul de Rouen, the Frenchman; Seligried, the German Oak, and a small army of other grapplers from various countries who are bound for the New World.

It would surprise many to know of the large number of wrestling enthusiasts in Kansas City, which is bidding for the match between Gotch and Mahmoud for the world's championship by offering a purse of \$10,000. Toledo, Columbus, Indianapolis, Cleveland, and many smaller cities have numerous devotees of the game. Buffalo is another stronghold of the game. Across the Canadian border, Montreal is famous for supporting wrestling. Annual tournaments lasting several days are held there.

Crookedness was responsible for the long eclipse of wrestling, and seems destined to again cause it to decline in popular favor. There is no sport, unless it be crooked, in which it is easier to deceive an expert. Even the most practiced eye cannot tell with certainty whether a man by his science or strength broke a dangerous hold, or whether the other man deliberately allowed him to escape. The "graffers" in the game became so well aware of this that few honest matches were made among them. The public was so often deceived that patrons fell away to nothing, and many of the wrestlers had to do real work with a pick and shovel.

This crookedness is as old as wrestling itself. A familiar instance, but one seldom considered in that light, was the match between Jacob and the angel, described in Genesis xxxii, 24-25. They wrestled all night, and "on the level," we infer. As man to man they struggled. But when the first streak of dawn touched the east and it was necessary for the angel to be on his way, he brought into play his superior strength, and he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh and the thigh went out of joint. Then Jacob made a record for gameness that will last forever. With this thing in mind, he refused to quit, and finally made the angel tell him what he wanted to know. Had Hackenschmidt's courage been as great as Jacob's he might have been the world's champion.

A curious historical record of a wrestling match that may have been contemporary with Jacob's doubtful contest with the angel was connected with a large stone which formerly stood on the site of the present city of Singapore, Malay Peninsula. The stone was inscribed in characters so archaic that students had little idea what they meant, but tradition said it marked the spot where two famous champions wrestled for the championship of the surrounding territory. The ancient monument was of intense interest to archaeologists and philologists, but a young English engineer, finding it in the way of some improvements he was making, blasted it to pieces.

An ancient device among crooked wrestlers, which is still sometimes used by the naked thieves of the far East, was to cover themselves with oil. This makes it almost impossible to get a hold, and it is strictly forbidden by the modern rules. Yet prohibition does not always prohibit. By industriously and vigorously rubbing himself with oil or a similar compound just before going into the struggle, and then carefully applying a coarse towel, the evidences of the subterfuge will disappear until the wrestler begins to perspire. Then the oil will ooze out of the skin and the other fellow is in the position of a man trying to hold an eel. When a wrestler finds himself handling an oily rival, and the referee will not allow a claim of foul, his seconds usually manage to slip him a handful of powdered rosin, which roughens the hands and enables him to get a grip on the slippery epidermis of his crafty opponent.

In connection with this oiling scheme a good story is told of the time when Billy Muldoon, now owner of the health resort at White Plains, N. Y., which restored Elihu Root's run-down constitution, was wrestling the famous "Jap"

who came to this country some twenty years ago. The Jap had been most thoroughly and artistically rubbed with some sort of greasy substance, which came to the surface in a few minutes and made the American's efforts to hold him look foolish. None of the seconds had thought to bring rosin for such an emergency. Muldoon seemed doomed to defeat, when a genius in his corner hustled down to the furnace room of the theater and got a shovelful of cold ashes. Returning to Muldoon's corner he waited until the Jap was forced over that way, then poured the ashes all over the wily Oriental. The counterplot was even more successful than the plot, and Muldoon won the day. He was no longer bothered by the oil, and could get even a better grip on his victim than under ordinary circumstances.

An oddity in the wrestling game is "Shad" Link, the Baltimore heavy-weight. "Shad" stopped an opponent's vicious elbow dig with his teeth one night, and had to get a complete set of false ones, as his attempts at speechmaking were confined to indistinct mumbblings until a dentist came to the rescue. Since then he has almost invariably starts his matches with the artificial grinder in his mouth, but, as he gets excited, he remembers they are false, and being afraid he will swallow them takes them out and tosses them across the ring to a friendly hand. This never fails to astonish, and then amuse, the unknowing, for when Link becomes sufficiently worked up to worry about his teeth he is wild enough to want to yell complaints to the referee in sounds which that much-worried person can never understand.

St. Thomas Parkins, who was born in England in 1841, wrote a book on wrestling, the third edition of which appeared in 1877. It bore the Greek title "Prognomasmata; the Inn Play, or Cornish Hug Wrestling." He described the various forms of wrestling, which he recommended as a substitute for dueling. Sir Thomas was so enthusiastic over his connection with the game that he had marble statues made of himself and put them in his private chapel, to the great scandal of the clergy who avoided him for his impiety, whereupon he entered upon a long and violent exchange of letters with the bishop and others of the cloth. The cheerful old sportsman vigorously defended wrestling as the best and most manly form of exercising and claimed that he was the first man to formulate a regular set of rules.

Sir Thomas' priority to the authorship of the rules seems to have been right, but why the codification should have been delayed so long is a mystery. Wrestling is probably the first of human methods of offense. Long before prehistoric man learned to use weapons he did not hit his enemy with his fist, but caught up with him and wrestled to the death. (Copyright, 1909, by Frederic J. Haskin.)

To-morrow-William Howard Taft. EXPECTED BREAK COMES.

Johns Hopkins and Virginia Sever Athletic Relations.
Baltimore, March 1.—The strained athletic relations that have existed between Johns Hopkins and the University of Virginia since the relay race between the two at the Fifth Regiment Army, in the Hopkins games, which was awarded to Hopkins on a foul, claimed to have been committed by Wilshire, of Virginia, were brought to a head Saturday night at Richmond, when Capt. Baily, of Hopkins, and Capt. Thurlow, of the Old Dominion team, agreed to sever all athletic connections.

This means that there will be no annual dual meet with the Southerners this spring, as was scheduled for Homewood. Last year Hopkins lost to Virginia for the first time in seven years. Virginia is trying to arrange a dual meet with Yale, at Charlottesville, in place of the games with Hopkins.

GOSSIP OF THE BOXERS.

Johnny Glover, the smallest of the Glover clan, has begun to grow. The little Boston boxer is improving each start. Billy Willes, of Philadelphia, will meet Joe Sheppard, of New York, in New York, at the Long Acre A. C. to-night. Young Corbett, the real Corbett, will try to steal second on Johnny Marto, of New York, in that city on Thursday evening.

Having escaped it three times, "Kid" Harbo took a fourth date with Johnny Willette, the knock-out kid, on Saturday night at the National A. C., in Philadelphia, and Willette let him have the left barrel in the wind in the first round, and it was all over.

Jack McGuigan, of the Quaker City, is in no hurry to drop Mike Gannon across the ropes at Battling Nelson, and he gives the following reasons for his tactics: "There is only one man in the world, and none in the East capable of giving me a good fight, and that man is Gannon. Welsh is the other man."

"Harry Lewis is willing to meet Mike (Twins) Sullivan for the welter-weight championship at 14 pounds," said Johnny Mooney, manager of Lewis, lately. "The other conditions can be easily arranged, and there will be plenty of clubs willing to stage the contest if a match is fixed up." Sullivan could not be located to learn his views.

A bill to permit six-round boxing contests in cities, when authorized by the board of aldermen or common council, was introduced lately by Assemblyman Cuvillier in the New York legislature. A permit must be signed by the mayor and the application for a permit must be accompanied by a physician's certificate that both boxers are in physical condition to undergo the ordeal.

New Manager for "Bookies."
Baltimore, March 1.—The betting ring at the Pimlico track, in charge of John G. Cavanaugh, of New York, ever since the present officials of the Maryland Jockey Club have had charge of the famous old course, has been turned over to Mort Mahoney, who for many years has been one of Mr. Cavanaugh's lieutenants.

The bungle in the management of the betting reservation, when the news was issued, caused no end of comment, for Cavanaugh is widely known throughout turf circles as a man of efficiency and strict integrity.

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NEW PLAYERS REPORT.

Georgetown Baseball Squad Gets Two Valuable Additions.

Despite the extensive inaugural preparations going on in this city to-day, Coach Grillo, of the Georgetown baseball team, had a full list of candidates on hand for the daily work-out.

Every man who has signified his intention of trying for the Blue and Gray was on hand, also two who made their initial bow yesterday. Callahan, a former Capital City League player, and Hunt, one of Pittsburgh's scholastic ball tossers, were the new additions. Both men will try for infield positions. A little batting and a spirited fielding practice constituted the work-out, and from the way the players are beginning to come to form there is a belief that this year's aggregation will go even better than the one last season, which, in the number of games won and lost, ranked even with Princeton, the Northern and recognized collegiate champ.

RECORDS LIKELY TO SUFFER

In Sprint Events at the Georgetown Indoor Meet.

Capt. Geary, of Fordham, Counted on to Set Pace—Twelve Carle Indians Entered.

Followers of track athletics in Washington are looking forward eagerly to the running of the fifty-meter dash at the Georgetown games in Convention Hall Saturday evening. The contestants in this race rank as the best among the Eastern colleges and athletic clubs, and the chances are that the world's record for this event will at least be equalled.

One of the most prominent of the entrants in this race will be Capt. Geary, of Fordham. The little New York flyer has been winning races right and left this season and seems to be without a peer in the short dashes indoors. His most notable performance this year was at the R. A. A. games, in Boston, when he defeated the best sprinters from Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, and the various athletic clubs in record time.

In practice at Fordham this week Geary has equaled the world's record twice. Opposed to the Fordham captain will be such men as Harry Hillman, the Olympic star; Capt. Gamble, of Princeton; Capt. Howe, Robbins, and Stevens, of Yale; Capt. Hartranft, of Pennsylvania; Cooke, of Cornell, and a member of the Olympic team last summer; Stanton and Ashby, of Virginia; Paynter, of Philadelphia, and Paul Pilgrim, of the New York Athletic Club. In addition to these men there are a large number of athletes from colleges and clubs throughout the East and South.

That the Carle Indians will make a big noise when they arrive in Washington for the games no one can deny. Coach Glenn Warner enlarged upon his entries yesterday until now the Indian school has arranged for twelve men to make the trip. The special five-mile race is attracting considerable attention at Carle, and, in addition to Tewinania, the famous Marathonic runner, Carle will have both Corn and Hunt in this event. Gallagher, the famous schoolboy distance runner of Philadelphia, who finished well up in the Boston Marathon race and among the first five in the Philadelphia run, will be added to the list of entrants for the long race. After due consideration it has been decided to run the feature event, five miles invitation, at the beginning of the evening's programme, following the sprint races, and during high jump and pole vault events.

Manager Corcoran has secured a star card for the announcing Saturday evening in "Bunny" Larkin, the Cornell football coach, also at one time a member of both football and baseball teams at Georgetown, and "Jimmy" Kelly, of Boston, to take care of this end of the meet. Cornell, Princeton, Pennsylvania, and Yale rooters are arriving in town, and have made arrangements to secure their seats to-day. The sale of reserved seats will continue throughout the week at Hickman & White's, 1219 G street northwest.

CHOOSE OFFICIALS FOR RUN

Competent List to Handle Six-mile Event on Wednesday.

Bloomington to Offer Excellent Card, Including Crack Brown Prep Team.

Plans for the second annual long-distance run of the Bloomington Athletic Club are practically completed, and the athletes entered are putting on the finishing touches for Wednesday's six-mile grind.

J. Gallagher, the crack middle-distance runner, of the Brown Prep School of Philadelphia, will arrive in Washington Wednesday morning, and will be the guest while here of the Bloomington club, as will the whole Brown Prep School squad. The Philadelphians are very ambitious, and are rather confident of winning the run on March 3, and making some of the local stars hustle a bit in the Georgetown games on March 6.

W. C. Herbert, the local National Guardsman, who hopes to land one of the medals, is in fine trim, and his friends confidently expect him to make a good showing. McGarry, Philadelphia Militiaman, is not known in this city, most of his running having been up and around his native b.u., but he comes with a reputation of being a good distance runner, and as plucky as his name is Irish.

A small admission will be charged to the grounds, the money going into the coffers of the Athletic Association for the benefit of that branch of the club. The list of officials is given below:

Referee—C. E. Strauss, president, S. A. A. Clerk of course—A. M. Chesley, Washington Y. M. C. A.
Starters—C. E. Beckett, Washington Y. M. C. A.; Judges at finish—Dr. D. E. Wilber, W. G. A. A.; Dr. W. B. Hudson, Washington Y. M. C. A.; Dr. W. A. Robinson, W. G. A. A.; and Samuel P. Scover—A. E. Birkin, B. A. C.; Assistant on track—E. B. Klopfer, B. A. C.; S. P. Miller, Washington Post, and William Conroy, G. W. U.

CHALLENGE FROM BALTIMORE.

Phoenix A. C. Basketball Team After Games.

Baltimore, March 1.—The Phoenix Athletic Club's basketball team, of Baltimore, would like to arrange a series of games in the Capital City this week if possible.

This team is one of excellent repute, and won several trophies in amateur championship games in 1908. The team weight averages about 155 pounds, and it has gained the favor of the sporting public in Baltimore through its equality and fairness. Any team that is interested in this challenge will communicate at once with Leonard Zwilling, manager, 64 Calvert Building.

PLAN NEW LEAGUE

Closed Organization of Professionals and Amateurs.

CAPT. EDWARDS IS PROPOSER

Members of Old Professional Teams to Play Again—Plans Well Advanced—New Combination Will Not Start Until Early Fall—Proposed Quints Have Classy Strings.

A movement is on foot to give those basketball enthusiasts who patronized the professional games here several years ago another opportunity of seeing their favorites in action, but this time in a closed league, to which all members of the National Guard, whether professional or amateur, are eligible.

This latest plan, it is rumored, has originated in the fertile mind of one C. E. Edwards, the guiding star in National Guard athletics, and even now the plans for the closed organization are so far advanced that there is but little likelihood of it falling through.

Under the A. A. U. rulings an amateur is not eligible to compete with a professional in any of the indoor sports. This rule has kept those basketball stars who played in the Pro League several years ago out of the game entirely, as there was not sufficient professional talent with which to reorganize the old combination.

Edwards to Rescued. Capt. Edwards has come nobly to the rescue. Professionals and amateurs can compete or play together in a closed league without endangering the standing of the association member, and this in mind Edwards has already set to work and is now in a fair way of bringing the proposition to a reality.

He has striven for some time past to have the old pro players reinstated to the amateur ranks, but without avail, and in the present action seems to have slipped a good one over in a perfectly legitimate manner. There is no doubt that the new movement will be greatly appreciated and supported by the pro players, and especially by those enthusiasts who used to flock to the Light Infantry armory to watch the games.

Without doubt basketball drew better when handled by the professionals than it ever has since the sport was introduced here, and the installation of the drawing element into the guard ranks should not only boost basketball at the armory, but should give it a much stronger foothold in Washington than it has held since the old Pro League disbanded.

Nearly all of the old pro players are members of the guard, and with the addition of the excellent amateur talent which is obtainable in those ranks, the proposed organization if properly handled should set a new basketball standard in Washington. As the season is not too far spent to consider starting the league on a schedule, it is planned to postpone the opening until the beginning of the next season. The teams will be mustered and given necessary preliminary work to begin the season earlier than usual.

BURNS DEFEATS TOMMY LOWE

Baltimorean Wins Decision After Fifteen Rounds.

Willingness of Washington Man a Surprise—Loser Badly Punished. Soldier Southern Champion.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Md., March 1.—Soldier Burns is still the light-weight champion of the South. He successfully defended his title against Tommy Lowe, of Washington, one of the best light-weights in the East, in the star fifteen-round battle of the Monumental Athletic Club to-night.

By outfighting Lowe during almost every round Burns received a just decision. As the mill progressed, the Southern champion grew better, and during the latter rounds he was all over the Washington boxer, making him continually break ground, and on several occasions Burns scored a clean knock-down, the only time that either man was off his feet during the contest.

Lowe in his bout to-night can be termed as the man with the iron nerve, for though Burns found him repeatedly with awful crashes on the jaw, he withstood them wonderfully well. It was a hard-fought, aggressive battle, with Burns the favorite.

The event attracted a big crowd of Washington sports, who came over prepared to back Lowe to the limit, and they were sorely disappointed with the result, as they did not expect such a very weak fight. In the eleventh round Burns scored a clean knock-down, the only time that either man was off his feet during the contest.

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BIG MONEY FOR PLAYERS

"Cy" Young, sold to Cleveland for \$15,000 and Pitches Check and Ryan, who cost Cleveland \$5,000 only a year ago. Total of \$20,000.

Mike Kelly, sold to Boston by Chicago for \$10,000.
John Clarkson, sold to Boston by Chicago for \$10,000.
Theodore Breitenstein, sold to Cincinnati for \$10,000.
"Rube" Marquard, sold to New York by Indianapolis for \$11,000.
Brothers, Richardson, Bennett, and Gansel, the third big four, sold by Detroit to Boston for \$15,000 (\$4,000 each).
Jack Flaherty, sold to Toronto by Boston for \$10,000 and Players Schantz, Hoer, and Kreh.

CLEVELAND PARKS ACTIVE.

Relay Team Entered in Georgetown Meet—Five Baseball Prospects.

The Cleveland Park Athletic Club will enter a relay team in the Georgetown games next Saturday, and from present indications they should make their opponents hustle to win, as Capt. Miller has a bunch of good material to pick from.

Although handicapped by the absence of Capt. Miller, many lads are practicing daily, among whom are Stewart, Todd, Gilling, Mertz, Chapman, and Upton.

Aside from this, the club expects to be well represented in baseball, and Manager William Upton is arranging games with many school teams of the city.

Attell Beats Young Pierce.

Philadelphia, March 1.—Ab Attell picked up a considerable bit of good Philadelphia money by going six rounds to an easy victory over George (Young) Pierce in the wind-up at the Washington Sporting Club to-night. Attell put it all over Pierce.



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Is on His Way South to Begin Season with Montgomery—Thinks Well of the Nationals.

"Hub" Hart, the former Georgetown catcher and well known to Washington sport followers as one of the best baseball and football players ever developed at the West End university, arrived in town yesterday, en route for Montgomery, Ala., where he is slated to play the coming season.

"Hub" looked the picture of health, and expects one of the best seasons he has experienced since entering the professional ranks. While at Georgetown, Hart was the mainstay of the football team, and also proved a very capable backstop. His name has gone down among the leaders in Blue and Gray gridiron annals, and it is the intention of the big fellow to remain in town for several days to single out some of his old-time pals.

On leaving college, Hart became a member of the Chicago American League team, doing bench duty for that aggregation for the whole of that season, and going last year to the Montgomery team, in the Southern League. His work with the Southern Leaguers, although nothing phenomenal, was impressive, and he will again be a member of that team.

In a talk on the relative merits of the various big league clubs, Hart said that it is his opinion the local team will be well up in the final standing, and he would not be in the least surprised to find Washington fighting it out for the bunting. He is strong for Cantillon and his methods, and thinks Joe will turn the looked-for trick this year.

YANKES ARE DEFEATED.

The Northminster Basketball Five Takes Hard-fought Game.

Northminster's crack basketball five defeated the Yankees last night in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium in one of the closest games seen on the boys' department floor this season by 15 to 14.

Throughout the contest the score was exceedingly close, and it was only after a beautiful fight that the Northminster basketball shooters came off with the honors by a single point. These teams are fighting for the pennant, and last night's game will make the final struggle for places even more interesting than before, as now only a few points separate the pair.

The work of Bischoff and Keenan, for the winners, and Gill, for the losers, was the feature of the contest.

Line-up and summary:
Northminster. Position. Yankees.
G. Purnage.....right forward.....Gill
W. Purnage.....right forward.....Gorman
Bischoff.....center.....Burton
Rosen.....left back.....Hale
Keenan.....right back.....Morris
Goals-Bischoff (4), Keenan (2), Gill (3), Burton, Hale, Morris, Purnage (4), Purnage (3), Morris (2). Time of halves—20 minutes.

BANG GOES ANOTHER BELIEF!

Earth Not Round Like an Orange, But—Well, Read for Yourself.

When we were children we were told that the earth was round like an orange, and we were foolish enough to believe it. Moreover, we have been passing this intelligence along to the present generation in the smug confidence that we were doing the right thing.

But now comes Prof. E. E. Lowe, of the Royal Society and makes us ashamed of ourselves, says Lippincott's Magazine. He says that our planet is not round like an orange or like a ball or anything else as homely as that.

On the contrary, he declares what in fact everybody ought to have known long ago, that "the lithosphere is an ellipsoid with three unequal axes, having its surface deformed according to the formula for a certain spherical harmonic of the third degree and displaced as a whole relatively to the gold, in the direction toward Southeastern Europe."

The Swap. After the gaunt, color-bedeked spinner had given him his directions and entered his cab, the driver drove off toward the Grand Central Station, says the New York Times.

A few squares up the street this cabby met a brother cabby driving an empty. They hailed each other.

"How'll y' swap rigs?" asked the driver of the empty in a reckless moment.

The station-bound cabby ran his eyes over the other's outfit.

"I'll go ye," he rejoined, forgetting all about his passenger in the excitement.

The swap made, the drivers exchanged places.

When the empty cab was driving away the new owner of the other happened to turn and glance inside his outfit. Struck by the spectacle with which he stared at a spinster a moment, then turned and yelled after the receding cabby: "Hey, this ain't fair! I've been swindled!"

INVENTORS POORLY PAID.

British Admiralty Niggardly in Its Rewards to Clever Workmen.

From the New York Sun.

The lords of the British admiralty issued a circular to the officials of the various naval dockyards some time ago in which a system of payment for suggestions made by the workmen employed in all departments was introduced. This, it was hoped, would encourage the men, but the scheme is now practically defunct owing to the extraordinary parsimony of the admiralty officials.

The workmen manifested keenness in applying their minds to mechanical appliances for saving labor and cost, but after waiting for months received a few paltry dollars as their rewards. Some of the inventions are valuable and will save the country large sums of money, but in no case has any man received more than \$5 for his ingenuity. The men complain that their figures in the cost of living, in patient study to receive in return grants which are ridiculous.

As an instance of the admiralty's niggardliness one man submitted an invention which enabled a diver in difficulties under water to attach another air pipe and cut the pipe which is entangled in wreckage. Until this ingenious device was submitted such a thing was thought impossible. The admiralty officials adopted the idea and awarded the clever inventor the sum of \$15.

Sobering Up.

From the Wall Street Journal.

The decline in iron and steel not improbably foreshadows a general readjustment of prices on a lower level. That it will presently force a reduction of wages in the iron and steel industries is altogether likely, and after that there will naturally follow an increasing pressure for lower figures in the cost of living. Nor would a general readjustment of prices along these lines be indicated by wholly undesirable. The country is just settling down after a period of extravagance unsurpassed in its history. It is time to shorten sail and curtail expenditures. A rational, conservative reduction of prices all around might serve as a useful sobering up process.

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